

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A surgical implant having a connector element,
said connector element including an element selected
from the group consisting of (1) a female connector
5 element and (2) a male connector element, said male and
female connector elements being respectively shaped such
as to be snappingly attachable to each other.

2. A surgically-implantable augment that has a
10 connector element, said connector element including an
element selected from the group consisting of (1) a
female connector element and (2) a male connector
element, said male and female connector elements being
respectively shaped such as to be snappingly attachable
15 to each other.

3. A surgically-implantable augment according to
Claim 2, wherein said augment is a button.

20 4. A surgically-implantable augment according to
Claim 2, wherein said augment is a dorsal augment.

5. A surgically-implantable augment according to
Claim 4, wherein said dorsal augment has a nipple,
25 medially located, as said connector element.

6. A surgically-implantable augment according to
Claim 4, wherein said dorsal augment has a nipple,
inferiorly located, as said connector element.

30 7. A surgically-implantable augment according to
Claim 2, wherein said augment is a tip.

8. A surgically-implantable augment according to Claim 2, wherein said augment is a bilateral tip.

9. A surgically-implantable augment according to Claim 2, wherein said augment includes two tips and a Y-shaped strut connected to said two tips.

10. A surgically-implantable augment according to Claim 2, wherein said augment is a heart-shaped augment.

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11. A surgically-implantable augment according to Claim 2, wherein said augment is a nasal vault reconstruction module.

12. A surgically-implantable augment according to Claim 2, wherein said augment is a septal perforation module.

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13. A strut that has at least one connector element, said connector element including an element selected from the group consisting of (1) a female connector element and (2) a male connector element, said male and female connector elements being respectively shaped such as to be snappingly attachable to each other.

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14. A strut according to Claim 13, having at least one said female connector element.

15. A strut according to Claim 13, having at least one said male connector element.

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16. A strut according to Claim 14, also having at least one plain hole.

17. A strut according to Claim 15, also having at least one plain hole.

18. A strut having a first portion and a second portion, said first portion having at least one connector element, said connector element including an element selected from the group consisting of (1) a female connector element and (2) a male connector element, and said male and female connector elements being respectively shaped such as to be snappingly attachable to each other, and said second portion extending in a first direction and not having such connector elements.

19. A surgical kit, including at least one surgical implant having a connector element, said connector element including an element selected from the group consisting of (1) a female connector element and (2) a male connector element, said male and female connector elements being respectively shaped such as to be snappingly attachable to each other.

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20. A surgically-implantable connector system that includes a female connector element and a male connector element, said male and female connector elements being respectively shaped such as to be snappingly attachable to each other.

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21. A surgical implant, for implantation into a patient, comprising an augment module and a strut permanently secured to each other.

5 22. A surgical implant according to Claim 21, wherein said strut is permanently secured to said augment module by being received in a portion of said augment module shaped to receive said strut.

10 23. A surgical implant according to Claim 22, wherein said augment module comprises a tip.

 24. A surgical implant according to Claim 22, wherein said augment module comprises a bilateral tip.

15 25. A surgical implant according to Claim 22, wherein said augment module comprises two tips, and said strut is a Y-shaped strut.

20 26. A surgical implant according to Claim 22, wherein said augment module comprises a heart-shaped module.

 27. A surgical implant according to Claim 21, 25 wherein said augment module comprises a mesh element.

 28. A surgical implant according to Claim 27, wherein said mesh element is a bony upper and middle one-third nasal collapse module.

29. A surgical implant according to Claim 28, wherein said bony upper and middle one-third nasal collapse module is a bilateral module.

5 30. A surgical implant according to Claim 28, wherein said bony upper and middle one-third nasal collapse module is a unilateral module.

10 31. A surgical implant according to Claim 21, wherein said augment is a nasal vault reconstruction module.

15 32. A surgical implant according to Claim 21, wherein said augment is a septal perforation module.

20 33. A surgical kit comprising a first surgical implant having a first connector element, and a second surgical implant having a second connector element, said first and second connector elements being adapted to engage each other in such manner as to secure themselves together.

25 34. A surgical kit according to Claim 33, wherein said first and second connector elements are shaped to fit together in a mechanical engagement to secure themselves together.

30 35. A surgical kit according to Claim 34, wherein said first and second connector elements are shaped to fit together snappingly to secure themselves together.

36. A surgical kit according to Claim 35, wherein said first connector element fits inside said second connector element, at least one of said connector elements having sufficient resilience to permit said
5 connector elements to be fitted together into said mechanical engagement to secure themselves together.

37. A surgical kit according to Claim 36, wherein
10 said second connector element has said resilience.

38. A surgical kit according to Claim 36, wherein
15 said resilience is due at least in part to said second connector element having one or more portions with a notch.

39. A surgical kit according to Claim 36, wherein
20 said first connector element has said resilience.

40. A surgical kit according to Claim 39, wherein
25 said resilience is due at least in part to said first connector element having portions spaced apart from each other which can be squeezed together to bring said first and second connector elements into said mechanical engagement and which are resilient against said second
connector element to maintain said mechanical engagement.

41. A surgical kit according to Claim 36, wherein
30 said first and second connector elements are at least approximately round.

42. A surgical kit according to Claim 36,
wherein said first and second connector elements are at
least approximately polygonal.

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